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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

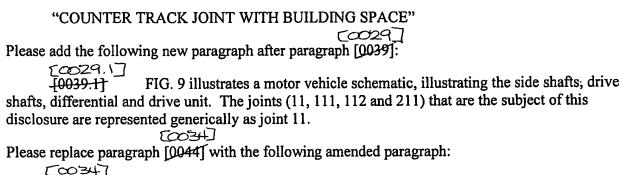


FIG. 5 shows a drive shaft 55, illustrated in FIG. 9, that has a universal joint [<del>0044</del>] according to the invention as a monoblook joint based on one of FIG. 3 or 4, along with an intermediate shaft 35 and a second universal joint 31, which can also be a joint according to the invention, especially structurally identical with the joint 111, 211. The intermediate shaft 35 encompasses an axial plunging unit 28, which includes a sleeve 29, a journal 30 as well as torqueconveying balls active between the two and not denoted in specific detail as the essential components, and permits a longitudinal compensation of the drive shaft 55 between the universal joints 111, 211 and 31.

[CO35] Please replace paragraph [0045] with the following amended paragraph:

[0035] FIG. 6 shows a drive shaft 55 according to FIG. 5 installed as a side shaft 40 [0043] in a motor vehicle 54, illustrated in FIG. 9. The shaft journal of the joint 111, 211 according to the invention is inserted into a differential gear 32 and secured therein, while the shaft journal of the second fixed joint 31 is inserted into a wheel hub arrangement 33 with a wheel mount 34, the same details are marked with the same reference numbers as on FIG. 5.

[0036] Please replace paragraph [0046] with the following amended paragraph:

[0036] FIG. 7 shows a drive shaft 55, illustrated in FIG. 9, according to the invention [0046] with a joint 11, 112 according to the invention designed as a disc joint according to one of FIG. 1 or 2, which takes the form of a longitudinal drive shaft 55. An intermediate shaft 41 comprises a shaft tube 39 and two shaft journals 36, 37 welded thereto. The shaft journal 37 is connected with a plunging joint 38, in particular a so-called VL-joint. The shaft journal 36 is connected with the joint 11, 112 according to the invention.

(CH7) Please replace paragraph [0047] with the following amended paragraph:

[CO47]

FIG. 8 shows a cardan drive shaft 55, illustrated in FIG. 9, according to the [0047] invention with a joint 11, 112 according to the invention designed as a disc joint according to one of FIG. 1 or 2, which takes the form of a longitudinal drive shaft 55, and has a disc joint 42, an

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